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Method for Preventing Fretting Damage to Fuel Rods, Nuclear Reactor Fuel Element, Device for Preventing Fretting Damage,

and Spacer in a Fuel Assembly of a Nuclear Reactor

LETTER

Hon. Commissioner for Patents

Sir:

Enclosed please find a copy of the English translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report for the above-identified application. Please enter it into the file.

Respectfully/submitted,

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